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TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTION OF HEATING VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTROL CIRCUITS FROM OVERCURRENTS

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Ronald W. Leja

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 7-7-99.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

RONALD W. LEJA
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9/17/99

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1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

*** First it is noted that in Claim 7, line 25, the period, "." was replaced by a comma, -- , --, by the Examiner, so as to correct a minor typographical error. ***

In view of Applicant's Remarks of 7-7-99 and in view of the statements found in the Declarations under 37 CFR 1.132, by both Dennis Mitchell and David D. Munoz, the Examiner concurs with the distinction made between the Prior Art and the instant invention, namely that HVAC control circuits operating with 24VAC systems are different from 24VDC vehicle systems and that one of ordinary skill in the art would not look to such DC systems for teachings to be applied to HVAC environments having AC operating control systems. Secondly, Applicant has defined Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, (HVAC) systems to be limited to those systems having Alternating Current (AC) control circuits and installed in residential and commercial buildings at fixed sites and not to those HVAC systems found in Direct Current (DC) vehicular systems. Therefore, the Prior Art of Record would not have made obvious nor suggested the claimed combination of the instant Application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Ronald W. Leja whose telephone number is (703)308-2008.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956. The Group FAX numbers are (703)305-3431 or (703)305-3432.

Rwl
September 17, 1999

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